GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5017
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VIOLATION OF TAKE OVER CODE
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Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the SEBI has agreed to review their earlier position regarding Gujarat Ambuja ACC`s violation of take over case;

(b) if so, whether the Securities Appellate Tribunal has also passed stricture against SEBI in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the response of the SEBI with the further action taken or likely to be taken by SEBI in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO V. ADSUL)

(a) to (d) The Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has intimated that the Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) vide its order dated 25.10.2002 has directed SEBI to investigate whether the Ambujas acquired control over ACC as a result of acquisition of shares held by Tata Group companies and to decide the further course of action required, if any, in the light of the investigation.

Accordingly, SEBI is conducting investigation in the matter of acquisition of shares of ACC by Gujarat Ambuja Cement Ltd. The investigation is in progress. Appropriate action will be taken depending on the outcome of investigation.